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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANKOK

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AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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SUNJECT: PW/MIA; TRAVEL BY "VIVA"GROUP

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1. VIVA PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR AND ADVANCE MAN VICTOR MILNER, JR. CALLED AT EMBASSY ON JULY 13 TO ALERT US TO THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE VIVA GROUP TO SAIGON AND TO SOLICIT EMBASSY BRIEFING FOR GROUP.

2. MILNER STATED THAT MRS. COPPIN, VIVA CHAIRMAN, IS PRESENTLY IN HONG KONG AND WILL ARRIVE IN SAIGON ON JULY 15 OR 16. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VIVA GROUP, MRS. SHELTON, MR. FRANK, AND MR. LARKIN, A CORRESPONDENT OF THE LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL WHO IS ACCOMPANYING GROUP, WENT TO PHNOM PHEN ON JULY 12 AND WILL COME TO

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SAIGON ON JULY 16.

3. MILNER WAS INFORMED THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE BRIEFING INCLUDING PRESENTATION BY US DELEGATION TO FPJMT. MILNER WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE, STATING THAT BRIEFING WOULD BE BENEFICIAL IN CON-VAYING TO THE VIVA GROUP A REALISTIC AND SERIOUS APPRECIATION OF THE MIA SITUATION. WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING BRIEFING FOR JULY 17. TOGETHER WITH A COURTESY CALL ON THE DCM OR AMBASSADOR WHICH MILNER REQUESTED.

4. MILNER SAID THAT GROUP WAS PLANNING TO GO FROM SAIGON TO VIENTIANE (ETA VIENTIANE NOT YET CERTAIN) THENCE TO BANGKOK. MILNER SAID HE STRONGLY HOPED THAT GROUP WOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO TO NKP TO MEET JCRC COMMANDER, GENERAL KINGSTON.

5. WE NOTE THAT STARS AND STRIPES ISSUE OF JULY 12 CARRIES UPI ARTICLE FROM HONG KONG ON GROUP.
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